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INTRODUCTION

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") has authority, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad between milepost 70.20 and milepost 71.72, a distance of 1.52 miles in Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi ("Flowood Trackage"). The Notice of Consummation is due September 20, 2006. Contemporaneously with this filing, IC is filing a Notice of Consummation for a substantial portion of Flowood Trackage. However, for the reasons set forth herein and pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1129(e)(2), IC needs an extension of the date by which to file a Notice of Consummation for the far eastern end of Flowood Trackage.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST

Attached as Exhibit A is a map of Flowood Trackage. As discussed in the previously filed Environmental Report there is a north-south line known as the East Jackson Spur that connects just inside the abandonment limit at milepost 70.20. Trains traveling along the East Jackson Spur use the connection to serve a customer located on the line immediately east of the

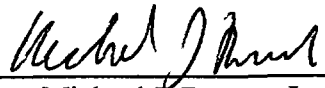
abandonment limit. IC shall relocate the connection so that the East Jackson Spur will connect to track outside, or east, of the abandonment limit of milepost 70.20. Therefore, trains will continue to use the East Jackson Spur and will continue to serve the customers located on the line just east of the abandonment limit.

As part of this relocated connection project, two at-grade crossings will be eliminated. Because of the safety benefits of the grade crossing eliminations, the State of Mississippi is providing funds to relocate the connection. As of this writing, contracts for the funding have been tendered for signature, but IC has not received the signed funding agreement from the State. IC wishes to have the funding agreement in place prior to relocating the connection and would like to have the connection relocated prior to consummating the abandonment on the far eastern portion of Flowood Trackage.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

For the reasons set forth herein, IC respectfully requests that the STB extend the due date for filing the Notice of Consummation for that portion of Flowood Trackage from Milepost 70.30 to Milepost 70.20 until December 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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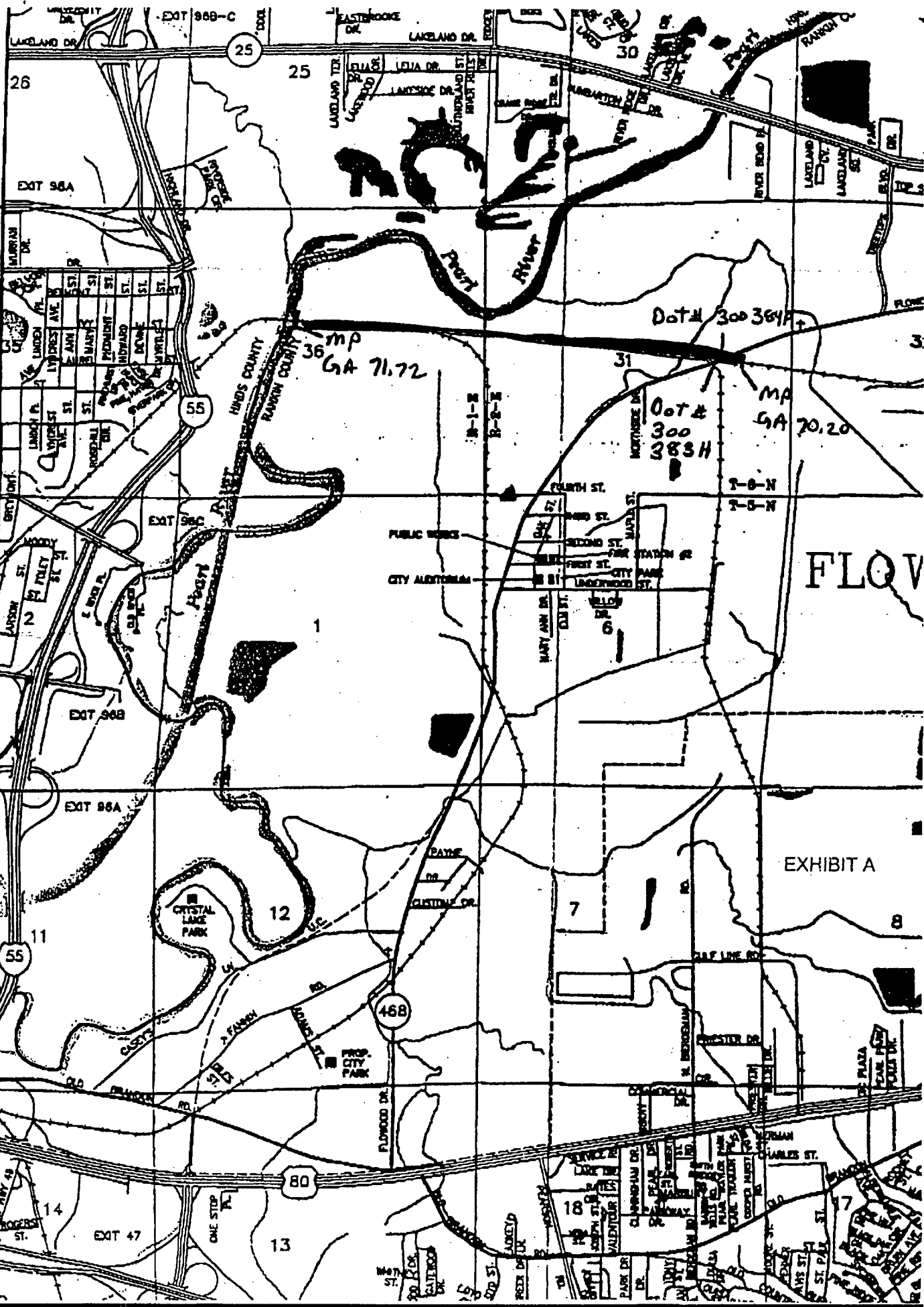
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